

"WHAT IS MISSING, IN SHORT, IS TRUE MATURITY. I DON'T MEAN THE PHYSICAL KIND, BUT RATHER, THE MUCH MORE RARE PSYCHOLOGICAL OR EMOTIONAL KIND. GROWING OLDER IS NO GUARANTEE OF GROWING UP, AND IT SEEMS THAT FEWER OF US ARE GETTING THERE THESE DAYS, STUCK IN IMMATURITY. THE UNDERLYING CONDITION IN EMOTIONAL IMMATURITY IS UNTEMPERED EXPERIENCE AND EXPRESSION. THE ABOVE-MENTIONED TRAITS ARE BUT A FEW OF ITS MYRIAD MANIFESTATIONS." —DR. NEIL NEUFELD

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"SOME PEOPLE'S IDEA OF FREE SPEECH IS THAT THEY SAY WHAT THEY LIKE, BUT IF ANYONE SAYS ANYTHING BACK, THAT IS AN OUTRAGE." —WINSTON CHURCHILL

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"THE ONLY RELIABLE EVIDENCE OF A PERSON BEING SAVED IS NOT PAST EXPERIENCE OF RECEIVING CHRIST, BUT A PRESENT LIFE THAT REFLECTS CHRIST." —JOHN MACARTHUR

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²⁵THEREFORE, HAVING PUT AWAY FALSEHOOD, LET EACH ONE OF YOU SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, FOR WE ARE MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER. ²⁶BE ANGRY AND DO NOT SIN; DO NOT LET THE SUN GO DOWN ON YOUR ANGER, ²⁷AND GIVE NO OPPORTUNITY TO THE DEVIL. ²⁸LET THE THIEF NO LONGER STEAL, BUT RATHER LET HIM LABOR, DOING HONEST WORK WITH HIS OWN HANDS, SO THAT HE MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE WITH ANYONE IN NEED. ²⁹LET NO CORRUPTING TALK COME OUT OF YOUR MOUTHS,

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BUT ONLY SUCH AS IS GOOD FOR BUILDING UP, AS FITS THE OCCASION, THAT IT MAY GIVE GRACE TO THOSE WHO HEAR. ³⁰AND DO NOT GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD, BY WHOM YOU WERE SEALED FOR THE DAY OF REDEMPTION. ³¹LET ALL BITTERNESS AND WRATH AND ANGER AND CLAMOR AND SLANDER BE PUT AWAY FROM YOU, ALONG WITH ALL MALICE. ³²BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER, TENDERHEARTED, FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER, AS GOD IN CHRIST FORGAVE YOU. —EPHESIANS 4:25-32

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WE DEMONSTRATE MATURITY WHEN WE...
I. REALIZE TRUTH TELLING RESULTS
IN TRUST BUILDING

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WE DEMONSTRATE MATURITY WHEN WE...
2. RESOLVE TO PURSUE
RECONCILIATION OVER RETALIATION

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"NOT ALL ANGER IS SIN,
BUT MUCH SIN COMES FROM ANGER."

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KNOW THIS, MY BELOVED BROTHERS: LET EVERY PERSON
BE QUICK TO HEAR, SLOW TO SPEAK, SLOW TO ANGER.
—JAMES 1:19

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"MOST PEOPLE IN OUR WORLD TODAY HAVE DECIDED
IT IS EASIER TO DISSOLVE A RELATIONSHIP THAN TO
RESOLVE A CONFLICT." —JOSH MCDOWELL

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WE DEMONSTRATE MATURITY WHEN WE...
3. REMEMBER GIVING IS BETTER
THAN GETTING

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"EARN ALL YOU CAN. SAVE ALL YOU CAN.
GIVE ALL YOU CAN." —JOHN WESLEY

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WE DEMONSTRATE MATURITY WHEN WE...
4. REPLACE TRASH TALK WITH
WORDS OF GRACE AND GRATITUDE

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³FOR WE ALL STUMBLE IN MANY WAYS, AND IF ANYONE
DOES NOT STUMBLE IN WHAT HE SAYS, HE IS A PERFECT MAN,
ABLE ALSO TO BRIDLE HIS WHOLE BODY...

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⁵SO ALSO THE TONGUE IS A SMALL MEMBER, YET IT BOASTS
OF GREAT THINGS. HOW GREAT A FOREST IS SET ABLAZE
BY SUCH A SMALL FIRE! ⁶AND THE TONGUE IS A FIRE,

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A WORLD OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, THE TONGUE IS SET AMONG
OUR MEMBERS, STAINING THE WHOLE BODY, SETTING ON FIRE THE
ENTIRE COURSE OF LIFE, AND SET ON FIRE BY HELL. —JAMES 3:2, 5-6

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WE DEMONSTRATE MATURITY WHEN WE...
5. RECOGNIZE TOXIC EMOTIONS
PREVENT HEALTHY RELATIONS

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"BITTERNESS DOES MORE HARM TO THE VESSEL
IN WHICH IT IS STORED. . . THAN THE VESSEL
ON WHICH IT IS POURED."

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WE DEMONSTRATE MATURITY WHEN WE...
6. REPLACE BROKENNESS
WITH CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS

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"UNFORGIVENESS IS IDOLATRY BECAUSE IT REVEALS
I TREASURED WHAT I WAS WOUNDED OVER
MORE THAN I TREASURE CHRIST." —BRYAN LORITTS

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